

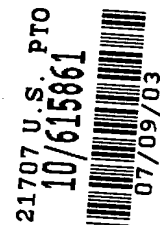


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**PLANT PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER
AND FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 CFR 1.53(b))**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application
☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)
of prior application no.: ; filed .
☐ claiming priority from application no. ; Filed
☐ A Small Entity Statement(s) was filed in the prior application; Status still proper and desired.

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 11 pages of Specification (*in duplicate*)
3. ☒ 3 sheet(s) of Color Drawings (*in duplicate*)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 5 Below]
 - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
7. ☒ Applicant claims Small Entity Status (see 37 C.F.R. §1.27)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and references cited
9. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
11. ☐ English Translation Document
12. ☐ Certified Copy of

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13. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (Form PTO/SB/35)
 14. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
 15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
 16. ☐ Other:

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Respectfully submitted,


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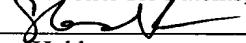
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